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SUBJECT: ABBREVIATED MOBUTU VISIT

1. ZAIREAN PRESIDENT MOBUTU ARRIVED IN UGANDA EVENING OF JULY 15 AND DEPARTED JULY 16. VISIT WAS BILLED AT TWO-DAY STATE VISIT BUT PUBLIC FUNCTIONS HELD ONLY ONE DAY AND ONE APPEARANCE CANCELLED.

2. AFTER PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS, MOBUTU AND AMIN ANNOUNCED STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN UGANDA AND ZAIRE. TWO STEPS TAKEN IN THIS REGARD: (1) ABOLITION OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERSTATE TRAVEL BY CITIZENS OF UGANDA AND ZAIRE; AND (2) REMOVAL OF FISHING RESTRICTIONS ON LAKES AT MUTUAL FRONTIERS.

3. PUBLIC CEREMONIES INCLUDED RENAMING OF LAKE ALBERT TO LAKE MOBUTU SESE SEKO BY PRESIDENT AMIN AND RENAMING OF LAKE EDWARD TO LAKE IDI AMIN DADA BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU. MOBUTU ALSO LAID FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE NEW ARUA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING. PLANNED DEDICATION BY MOBUTU OF NEW GOMBE HOSPITAL IN WEST BUGANDA WAS CANCELLED ON SHORT NOTICE. ( MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS WHO WENT THERE--62 KMS. FROM KAMPALA--SPENT SIX FRUITLESS HOURS WAITING FOR PRESIDENTS, WHO NEVER SHOWED. BURROWS SUFFERED IN MY PLACE.) MOBUTU EXPLAINED HE HAD URGENT BUSINESS IN KISANGANI, BUT WOULD RETURN NEXT MONTH TO PERFORM THE CEREMONY.

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4. REMARKS BY AMIN AND MOBUTU AT RENAMING CEREMONIES FOCUSED ON IMPORTANCE OF INDIGENOUS NAMES IN AFRICA AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF UGANDAN AND ZAIROIS PEOPLES NEAR THE BORDER.

5. COMMENT: THIS IS THE SECOND VISIT BY A HEAD OF STATE IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS TO BE INEXPLICABLY SHORTENED.  
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